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**RESPONSE TO COMPLIANCE NOTICE REGARDING PATENT APPLICATION
CONTAINING NUCLEOTIDE SEQUENCE AND/OR AMINO ACID
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Applicant responds as follows to the notice mailed October 7, 2001.

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Applicant has submitted a computer readable form (CRF) of the sequence as well as a paper copy of the sequence conforming to 37 C.F.R. 1.821-1.825. The CRF and the paper copy are the same, and no new matter has been added to the sequence. Please add the paper copy of the sequence to the specification. Also, the specification has been amended to conform with 37 C.F.R. 1.821. No new matter has been added to the specification.

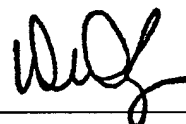
Amendments

Please amend the paragraph beginning on page 12, line 5, as follows:

The rate of degradation (which desirably occurs in about 30 days) is best controlled by the selection of the chemical moiety in the degradation control region, DCR. If degradation is not desired, a DCR can be selected to prevent biodegradation or the material can be created without a DCR. However, if degradation is desired, a hydrolytically or enzymatically degradable DCR can be selected. Examples of hydrolytically degradable moieties include saturated di-acids, unsaturated di-acids, poly(glycolic acid), poly(DL-lactic acid), poly(L-lactic acid), poly(ϵ -caprolactone), poly(δ -valerolactone), poly(γ -butyrolactone), poly(amino acids), poly(anhydrides), poly(orthoesters), poly(orthocarbonates), and poly(phosphoesters), and derivatives thereof. A preferred hydrolytically degradable DCR is gluturate. Examples of enzymatically degradable DCR's include SEQ ID NO 1 Leu-Gly-Pro-Ala (collagenase sensitive linkage) and Gly-Pro-Lys (plasmin sensitive linkage). It should also be appreciated that the DCR could contain combinations of degradable groups, e.g. poly(glycolic acid) and di-acid.

Respectfully Submitted,

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